



State of Tennessee
Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 1.30

Subject:	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
Authority:	TCA 37-5-106, 37-4-201 – 37-4-207. P.L. 109-239 Safe & Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006
Standards:	DCS 6-501 A
Application:	All DCS Staff

Policy Statement:

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) shall be a party to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and cooperate with the other member states in accordance with the provisions of the Compact. The Tennessee Department of Children's Services will comply with the provisions of P.L. 109-239 "Safe & Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006". Requests for inter-jurisdictional placements and other services subject to the provisions and/or compliance with the ICPC or P.L. 109-239 shall be administered and processed through the TN DCS Office Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (TN ICPC). DCS and their private providers/ contract services vendors will respond to requests for studies or other services for children who are under the jurisdiction of another state and subject to compliance with the ICPC in accordance to this policy.

Purpose:

The purpose of the ICPC is to ensure the protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for the purpose of foster care, adoption, or facility placements. These protections and services are the same as would be provided to the child or children if they remained in their home state or jurisdiction. All relevant federal and state child-welfare laws and policy that applies to a child in Tennessee applies to that child if placed across state lines.

Procedures:

A. ICPC Compact Administrator	The Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services is the designated Administrator of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), and shall be responsible for coordinating activities under the ICPC and who, acting jointly with like officers of other party jurisdictions, shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more effectively the terms and provisions of the ICPC.
B. Appointment and Responsibilities of	1. The Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services shall appoint a departmental ICPC Deputy Compact Administrator.

the ICPC Deputy Compact Administrator	2. The ICPC Deputy Compact Administrator shall be responsible for administering the day-to-day operations of the Compact (ICPC) and may be empowered to represent the Compact Administrator.
C. Overview of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children	<p>The Compact establishes orderly procedures for the interstate placement of children and fixes responsibility for those involved in placing the child. The safeguards offered by the Compact to both the child and the parties involved in the child's placement includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides the sending agency the opportunity to obtain home studies and an evaluation of the proposed placement. 2. Allows the prospective receiving state to ensure that the placement is not "contrary to the interests of the child"; and that its applicable laws and policies have been followed before a decision regarding placement is issued. 3. Guarantees the child legal and financial protection by fixing these responsibilities with the sending agency or individual. 4. Ensures that the sending agency maintains jurisdiction over the child sufficient to determine all matters in relation to custody, supervision, care and disposition of the child which it would have had if the child remained in the sending agency's state; and, 5. Provides the sending agency the opportunity to obtain supervision and regular reports on the child's adjustment and progress in the placement promoting permanency.
D. ICPC Policies and Procedures Manual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All matters relating to the ICPC shall be administered in accordance to the ICPC statute, promulgated ICPC Regulations, Tennessee Code Annotated child-welfare citations, and Department of Children's Services child welfare policies and procedures as established herein. 2. The DCS <i>ICPC Policies And Procedures</i> contained herein include, but not be limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Definitions of the types of placements and placers subject to the law; b) Procedures to be followed in making an interstate placement; c) Procedures to be followed in accommodating a placement; d) The specific protections, services and requirement brought by the enactment of the law; and e) Penalties for non-compliance.

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Forms:	<i>CS-0525, ICPC 100A Interstate Compact Placement Request</i> <i>CS-0523, ICPC 100B Interstate Compact Report on Child's Placement Status</i> <i>ICPC Financial-Medical Plan</i> <i>ICPC 101 Sending State's Priority Home Study Request (ICPC Regulation #7 Only)</i>
Collateral Documents:	Link to APHSA ICPC Manual http://icpc.aphsa.org/documents/Guidebook_2002.pdf - Guide to the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children Work Aid: Checklist for ICPC Correspondence Work Aid: ICPC Referral Checklist Work Aid: ICPC Regulation # 1 Work Aid: ICPC Regulation # 7 ICPC Policies and Procedures Manual